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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A PRECISE FRAME RATE IN DIGITAL VIDEO TRANSMISSION FROM A COMPUTER SYSTEM TO A

DIGITAL VIDEO DEVICE

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (clean version of amended claims):

(Four Times Amended) A method of transmitting information from a source device t a predetermined rate, the method comprising:

forming x number of first data blocks wherein each of the first data blocks contains n units of data;

forming y number of second data blocks wherein each of the second data blocks contains m units of data, and further wherein m is not equal to n; and combining x number of first data blocks and y number of second data blocks into a data stream to achieve the predetermined rate, wherein the first data blocks and the second data blocks are of a same type and have same characteristics and

further wherein the x number of first data blocks are evenly distributed among the v humber of second data blocks.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-1275. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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